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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AID DOUBLING

REF: TOKYO 10130

1. IN CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH USHIBA, WE HAVE STRESSED THAT JAPANESE COMMITMENT TO DOUBLE ODA IN THREE YEARS WILL BE VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS IF 1976 IS BASE AND COMPARISON IS EXPRESSED IN DOLLARS. WE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR USING 1977 BASE AND MAKING COMPARISONS IN YEN. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS THIS US VIEW FORCEFULLY TO CABINET MINISTERS INVOLVED, AND TO FUKUDA IF OCCASION ARISES, POINTING OUT THAT A DIFFERENCE OF ABOUT 1 MILLION DOLLARS IS INVOLVED BETWEEN THESE TWO FORMULATIONS. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT CABINET WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION ON JUNE 23. NEWSOM

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